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(SBU) On October 15, PolOff met with MFA International Organizations official Nguyen Thi Thu Quynh to urge Vietnam to support the U.S. position on the Goldstone report. PolOff briefed Quynh on the latest developments, described reftel, and encouraged Vietnam's missions in Geneva and New York to coordinate closely with their U.S. counterparts. She stressed the potential damage both to the Human Rights Council and to ongoing efforts to re-launch permanent status negotiations if the matter were not handled appropriately. Quynh promised to relay the substance of the demarche to her supervisors and to officials in New York and Geneva. She stated that Vietnam currently had no plans to make a statement on the report either at the UNSC or UNHRC, but wanted to remain "balanced, unbiased and objective." She said that if there were some sort of vote on the Goldstone Report, Vietnam would likely join consensus in an effort to support solutions acceptable to the majority of voting members.
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